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Military Districts in Czechoslovakia

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which included part of Moravia and all of Bohemia, had its head-
 quarters in Prague; Military District II, which included the
 remainder of Moravia and all of Slovakia, its headquarters

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been located in Bratislava.

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Army Units and Installations

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordi- nation</u>	<u>strength</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	
U/i Inf. Unit	Unk	Unk	Litomerice (N 50-32 E 14-08)	approximately two-three regi- ments could be housed at this installation. Czechoslovak Army troops wearing red shoulderboards.	25X1 25X1
Possible U/i Tank Bns. or Tank Bn. plus Motor Transport Bn.	Unk	Two Bns.	Louny (N 50-21, E 13-48)	noted that only tank (T/34) troops seemed to be stationed there. Some of them wore the armored or transportation branch metal insignia on red shoulderboards. New wooden barracks had been built next to the old barracks and a motor park, which contained approximately 40-50 Tatra and Skoda three- ton capacity, three-axle trucks and approxi- mately 50 T/34 tanks, was also constructed in the same area.	25X1 25X1 25X1
U/i Mortar Bn.	Unk	Unk	Milovice 2 (N 50-14, E 14-54)		

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordi- nation</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	
U/1 Railway Troops	Unk	One Bn.	Milovice	[redacted] [redacted] at the Milovice dental clinic [redacted] one armored train about seven times at the Milovice military reservation. It had about 10 cars. Judging from the number of troops training in conjunction with the armored train [redacted] the unit as one battalion in strength.	25X1 25X1
U/1 Tank Regt. (T/34)	Unk	Unk	Milovice	[redacted] orders pertaining to this unit. read: " [redacted] Tankovy pluk (Tank Regt.)"	25X1
U/1 Signal Bn.	Unk	Unk	Milovice	[redacted] orders pertaining to this unit. read: " [redacted] Sporovaci prapor (Signal Bn.)"	25X1
U/1 Heavy MG Bn.	Unk	Unk	Milovice	[redacted] orders pertaining to this unit. read: " [redacted] Kulometni prapor (Machine Gun Bn.)"	25X1
U/1 Inf. Regt.	Unk	Unk	Milovice	[redacted] orders pertaining to this unit. read: " [redacted] pluk (Infantry Regt.)"	25X1
U/1 Rocket Launcher Section	Unk	Unk	Milovice	[redacted] orders pertaining to this unit. read: " [redacted] Raketometni oddil (Rocket Launcher Section)"	25X1

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordi- nation</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
U/i PTP Unit	Unk	200 EM	Milovice	Members of this PTP (Auxiliary Technical Battalion - Pomocny technicky prapor) unit were employed on construction projects both at Milovice and the neighboring Mlada military installations PTP men were garrisoned in a downtown area
U/i Inf. Unit	Unk	Unk	Most (N 50-32, E 13-30)	approximately three regiments could have been garrisoned there. Troops of this garrison wore red shoulderbeards.
U/i PTP Unit	Unk	Two Bns. (approx. 1,000 to 1,500 men)	Karvinna II (N 49-50, E 18-29) (near Ostrava)	
71st Parachute Bn. and possibly two other parachute bns. ⁴	Unk	One or possibly more bns.	Presov (N 49-00, E 21-15)	orders pertaining to this unit read: "71 Vysadkovy prapor (71st Air Descent Bn.)". enough paratroopers in Presov to indicate three battalions rather than one. The air- men of Presov airbase generally referred to the paratroopers as "desantni jednotky".

(See page 7, for further infor-
mation on the paratroop battalion
in the town of Presov.)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordi- nation</u>	<u>Estimated Strength</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Army Hospital	Unk	Approx. 700 bed capacity	Presov	
<u>Czechoslovak Armed Forces Schools</u>				
U/1 Armored School	Unk	One Bn.	Zatec (N 50-20, E 13-33)	<p>only one army installation in Zatec. an armored school was located there, but there was no sign indicating this fact on the military installations passed. soldiers in the area wearing red shoulder-boards surmounted by metal tank insignias.</p>
U/1 Political School (Vyssi politicka skola)	Unk	Unk	Bohosudov (N 50-41, E 13-52)	<p>This school was attended by Air Force as well as ground force personnel.</p> <p>the course lasted two years; graduates were commissioned with the rank of lieutenant; and only individuals who intended to remain in the service as career men were eligible to apply.</p>
U/1 Inf. Academy (Pechotni uciliste)	Unk	Unk	Kremnica (N 48-42, E 18-55)	<p>Approximately 800 recruits who were from various towns of the Usti nad Labem Region reported. All of these recruits passed</p>

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Estimated Strength</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
				<p>their physical examination and proficiency tests and were accepted as candidates of officer academies. When the candidates arrived, they were gathered in a movie theater of the garrison, in two sessions with approximately 400 men attending each session. Their names were called, rosters checked, and locations of schools where each individual was assigned were announced. Out of the total group of 800, approximately 80-100 recruits were sent to the Pilot Officers' Training Center at Dolni Kubin; the remainder, without exception, were sent to an unidentified infantry academy (Pechotni uciliste) in Kremnica. The entire group was informed that they were shipping out that night, but the time was not announced. Packaged food for the trip was given out and, after several rechecks of rosters, they entrained at about 0100 hours on 29 September 1952. Men going to Dolni Kubin and Kremnica were in the same troop train. Source's group reached their destination at approximately 0100 hours on 30 September 1952, having traveled two nights and one day. No one was permitted to leave the train during stops at various stations.</p>
<u>Security Forces Units</u>				
U/i Border Guard Unit (PS - Pobra nicni straz)	Unk	One Bn.	Litomeric	
U/i Interior Guard Unit (VS - Vnitri straz)	Unk	One Bn.	Litomeric	
U/i VS Unit	Unk	Unk	Most (N 50-32, E 15-39)	mostly VS troops on the streets of this town. They wore purple shoulderboards and garrison caps. ³

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New Gliders

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a shipment of about 40 gliders arrived in Presov. 5

4. The new gliders were approximately 12 m. long and 2.5 m. wide at the widest part in front. They tapered toward the rear. The assembled gliders, except for the wings which measured approximately 22.5 m. from wing tip to wing tip when assembled, were shipped in large wooden boxes which were transported on open freight railroad cars. Only Cyrillic writing appeared on the gliders, which were painted with grey-green paint. No other signs, such as numbers, letters, or red stars, appeared on the fuselage of these gliders. 25X1

5. The front section (nose) of the glider had sufficient space for a jeep or a small field gun. Rings for securing such cargo were located on the glider floor. The pilot's seat was in a cabin above this space. 25X1
[redacted] There were approximately four 30 x 25 cm. plexiglass windows on each side of the glider. Through the middle of the bottom front half portion of the glider, the part which usually comes into contact with the ground when landing, there was a narrow landing skid, approximately 10 cm. wide, five meters long, and 12 cm. thick, made of leather and containing springs. 6

Airborne Troops Installations in Presov

6. [redacted] construction of new one-story brick buildings with central heating systems was completed, and a new concrete road which connected the new battalion area with the highway leading to Presov was being constructed. 25X1

[redacted] new furniture from the nearby Kapusany (N 49-03, E 21-20) station directly from freight cars into the newly constructed barracks at the airbase. This furniture consisted of iron beds, steel wall lockers with wooden doors, and wooden weapon racks. The newly constructed barracks [redacted] could house approximately one regiment of soldiers. Rumor had it that Czechoslovak Army paratroopers were also to occupy these new barracks, since the entire airbase was to be evacuated by Czechoslovak Air Force personnel and turned over to the paratroopers. 25X1

7. [redacted] the Presov
airbase. [redacted] had been taken over by
the paratroopers

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two casernes within the city -- one near the railroad station and the other near the main square. The former was occupied by paratroopers

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the caserne near the main square was occupied by paratroopers, unit designation unknown

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Czechoslovak Army paratroop units had taken over all military installations within the city of Presov.

1. Comment:

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Most of the orders handled in Secret Control pertained to the Czechoslovak Air Force; only about two or three times a month receive orders dealing with certain military ground force training areas, which were also being utilized by members of the nearby Mlada airbase personnel.

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Comment:

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most probably were stationed in Most, VS troops performing guard duty at two Most factories: the Steel Foundry of 1st May (Ocelarny prvniho maja) and the Stalin Works (Stalinovy zavody), a plant mainly producing synthetic benzine from brown coal.

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4. Comment:

all military installations in Presov as of late 1954 were occupied or rumored slated for occupation by airborne units. Therefore, it is not impossible that more than the 71st Battalion was located there.

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5. Comment:

glider labeled G-11

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being that most nearly resembling the Presov gliders, with the exception that the pilot's cabin was located much nearer to the wings and the front (nose) section was more box-shaped.

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Comment: These new gliders were parked in one area at the Presov airbase and were tied down securely to the ground by ropes. The front section, including the pilot's cabin, was covered with canvass.

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they were parked in the hangars located at the airbase.

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